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### SAMUEL CRUMBINE MEDAL RECIPIENT

Gloria Vermie was presented the Samuel Crumbine Medal at the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) Fall Conference in Wichita on September 22. The Samuel Crumbine Medal is KPHA's highest award for meritorious service in improving health or the environment in Kansas.

Gloria has been active in the health services field for almost 30 years, and for over a decade in public health. Prior to coming to Kansas, Gloria held positions in several Iowa medical centers as well as the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Health Promotion and Disease Control. For the past five years, she has served as program manager for public health preparedness at the Sedgwick County Health Department. Her role involves day-to-day program management, as well as liaison coordinator for public health emergency management to local, regional, state and federal agencies and organizations.

Shortly after completing her master's degree in public health, Gloria assumed responsibility as coordinator of the Metropolitan Medical Response System for Sedgwick County, which continues to be a part of her professional role today. She demonstrated tremendous leadership in convening a diverse, sometimes competing group of key players, representing interests of public health, hospitals, health care providers, private industry, public safety, and emergency medical services.

Gloria's excellent facilitation skills have brought formerly competing organizations around the table together to pool resources and ideas and work toward common goals. Her leadership in regional cooperation among south-central Kansas counties has enhanced regional preparedness, training, information sharing, and surveillance activities.



Gloria currently serves on the governor's advisory council for bioterrorism, the FEMA Region VII Interagency Steering Committee, the department of Homeland Security Office for Domestic Preparedness Programs Division Advisory Group, and the National Association of City and County Health Officials Promotion of Health Committee.

She has been a contributor to several publications on topics ranging from breast cancer and heart disease to bioterrorism preparedness and health informatics. Gloria is a fellow in the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute.

### **NEW DIRECTOR OF LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM**

The Kansas Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (KCLPPP) is pleased to announce the selection of Michelle Miller to the position of director of the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for the Bureau of Consumer Health.

Miller holds a bachelor's degree in Public Health from Saint Cloud State University in Minnesota. Miller has more than seven years experience in managing a variety of public programs, including Community Health Improvement Project Director in Lawrence. She has worked in the areas of strategic planning, policy development and grants management and most recently was the CDC Program Manager for the medical surveillance section of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.



As director of the KCLPPP, Michelle will oversee managing a \$3 million grant funded budget consisting of an EPA funded Pre-Renovation Education (PRE) and Licensure Program grant, HUD funded Lead Hazard Control Grant in Kansas City, Kansas, a NIOSH funded Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance Program, and a CDC funded Lead Poisoning Prevention and Medical Surveillance Program grant.

### **KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**



In October 2005, the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute's third cycle of scholars attended the first of four quarterly training sessions in the institute's yearlong curriculum. The 29 Cycle III scholars are drawn from 13 counties across the state. They represent state and local health departments, mental health organizations, philanthropic structures, clinical practice, emergency response, education, and a variety of other health-related non-profit organizations. The second Cycle III training session will take place in January 2006 and will focus on collaborative leadership and the Ecological Model of health.

### **NEW LICENSING SURVEYOR**

Susan Souders, RN is the new Child Care Licensing surveyor for Labette County Health Department as of October.

Susan graduated from the nursing program at Labette Community College in 1984 and has been working in the critical care arena. She is certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Trauma Nursing. Susan is enjoying the challenges of public health nursing.



## REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

**Central Region:** Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department 209 W 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hutchinson, from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

|               |                |               |              |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Nov. 30, 2005 | Jan. 25, 2006  | Mar. 22, 2006 | May 24, 2006 |
| July 26, 2006 | Sept. 27, 2006 | Nov. 21, 2006 |              |

**North Central Region:** Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 for location of each meeting. Dates are:

|               |               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dec. 6, 2005  | Feb. 28, 2006 | Apr. 25, 2006 | June 27, 2006 |
| Aug. 22, 2006 | Oct. 24, 2006 | Dec. 5, 2006  |               |

**Northeast Region:** Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

|               |              |              |                |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Dec. 8, 2005  | Mar. 9, 2006 | June 8, 2006 | Sept. 14, 2006 |
| Dec. 14, 2006 |              |              |                |

**Northwest Region:** Meetings are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center, Oakley. RSVP Georgette Schoenfeld, RN, at Logan County Health Department for lunch count at 785-672-4502. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

|               |               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Dec. 8, 2006  | Feb. 9, 2006  | Apr. 13, 2006 | June 8, 2006 |
| Aug. 10, 2006 | Oct. 12, 2006 | Dec. 7, 2006  |              |

**Southeast Region:** Meetings are held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 West 7<sup>th</sup>, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

|              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Feb. 2, 2006 | May 11, 2006 | Aug. 3, 2006 | Nov. 9, 2006 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|

**Southwest Region:** Meetings are held at the Finney County Administration Building, 311 N 9<sup>th</sup>, Garden City, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

|                |               |              |               |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Jan. 20, 2006  | Mar. 17, 2006 | May 19, 2006 | July 14, 2006 |
| Sept. 15, 2006 | Nov. 17, 2006 |              |               |

## GO TO THE SOURCE

### What are the guidelines for client record retention at the local health department?

Clinical records should be maintained ten years following closure for adults and one year after reaching age of majority (age 18 in Kansas), whichever is longer. This covers the Statute of Limitations provision for filing suits in relation to negligence (K.S.A. 60-513(a)(7)).

**\* *The Kansas Public Health Nursing and Administrative Resources Guidebook***

provides the answer to this question and many other important questions you might have concerning public health in Kansas. We will feature a question each month and refer you to the guidebook. You may find the answer to the featured question above by going to this Website

<http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/download/PHNResourceGuidebook.pdf>. (page 90).



### DID YOU KNOW?

All spills are required to be reported to the KDHE Spills Program. The phone number that reaches the Spills Program is 785-296-1679. This number is answered 24 hours a day.

## UPDATE ON THE KANSAS IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY

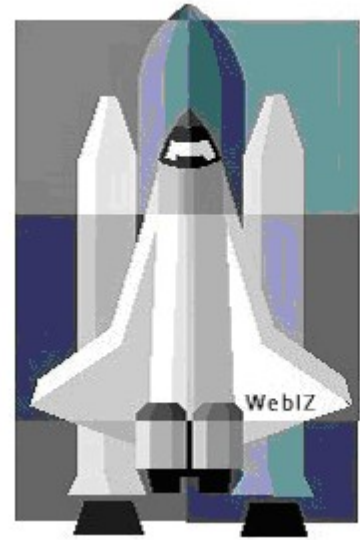
### What is the Kansas Immunization Registry?

The Kansas Immunization Registry Project, referred to as KSWebIZ, is a centralized birth to death database that will maintain statewide immunization data that is: 1) obtained through confirmed consent; 2) complete and accurate; and 3) transferable to providers to ensure timely and non-duplicated vaccine coverage.

Note: On average, 95 to 98 percent of all parents consent to have a child's record in the registry through the birth certification process.

### What is the primary goal of KSWebIZ?

The goal of the registry is to serve as a repository for immunization records (containing vaccination and demographic information) that are accurate, up-to-date and complete. All information pertaining to each individual is consolidated into one non-duplicative history. The capture and maintenance of patient immunization records in this Internet accessible system enables end users, from both private and public entities, to accurately assess immunization status. Continuous enrollment of providers, who actively use the registry on an ongoing basis, will ultimately result in readily accessible and complete immunization health records.



### Are there any plans for the electronic capture of historical data?

- Legacy data (from 1994-2005) from deployed counties is being extracted from PHClinic, the public practice management system utilized by 97 counties. Historical data will also be exported to the registry from QS Technologies software; the public practice management system employed by four other local health departments.
- Legacy data (from 1994-2005) is being extracted from CASA databases that have been created and maintained by numerous private provider clinics.
- Legacy birth data (1994-2005) has been extracted from the Vital Statistics system and is and will continue to be imported nightly into KSWebIZ.
- An interface is being designed to capture immunizations that are administered in WIC clinics.
- An interface is being designed to capture immunization data from the state Medicaid system.
- Although a Health Plan Advisory Committee has been created to represent end users who wish to use the registry to simplify HEDIS reporting, this committee will also be charged with researching the possibility of extracting immunization data from their billing systems.
- Interfaces will be designed and implemented to extract legacy data from private providers' internal practice management systems.

### Will it be necessary to enter data twice into two systems?

Information will be imported from and/or exchanged between all local health departments who are currently using PHClinic or QS. The process will be the same for those private providers currently using internal practice management systems. The design and implementation of interfaces for these local health departments and private providers will enable end users to continue using their internal practice management systems. Immunization data will be exchanged between KSWebIZ and these internal provider systems in a seamless fashion, thereby eliminating the need for end users to enter data two times into two separate systems.

### What about HIPAA compliance, patient privacy and confidentiality, and data security?

- Security measures are in compliance with HIPAA and Kansas's confidentiality statutes.
- The proposed solution provides public access of state databases to entities authorized by KSA 65-531 to share immunization information. Each "participant" will be enrolled in the system, and based on the "participant" profile will be granted appropriate privileges. Participant profiles are maintained by a limited number of Kansas Registry Program staff.
- Security and privacy are ensured through employment of standard access policies and protocols.

### What is the current status of the project? When can I get on?

After only three months (October 31, 2005), there are 12 providers, established in the system. These are comprised of 19 clinics and 103 end users. Over 408,000 patients with a total of 501,168 associated



vaccinations have been captured. Of these 498,271 are historical vaccinations with 2,897 administered vaccinations. The following table describes the rollout status of KSWebIZ:

| CLINIC/PROVIDER  | PUBLIC/PRIVATE | TRAINED            | DEPLOYED                  |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Coffey County    | Public         | Yes                | Yes                       |
| Elk County       | Public         | Yes                | Yes                       |
| Greenwood County | Public         | Yes                | Yes                       |
| Morris County    | Public         | Yes                | Yes                       |
| Osage County     | Public         | Yes                | Yes                       |
| Butler County    | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |
| Cheyenne County  | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |
| Decatur County   | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |
| Graham County    | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |
| Lyon County      | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |
| Ness County      | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |
| Norton County    | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |
| Rawlins County   | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |
| Sherman County   | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |
| Trego County     | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |
| Wallace County   | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |
| Wichita County   | Public         | Week of November 7 | Week of November 14 or 21 |

Note: Half a dozen private providers, who expressed an interest in using KSWebIZ to enter their immunization data *directly* into the registry, have also been deployed.

During this first phase, the targeted counties and/or providers are those who are **not** dependent on an internal practice management system to conduct their daily business processes. Legacy data is extracted and cleansed by the KSWebIZ vendor, and returned for review by each respective clinic. The data is then loaded, end users are trained and the site is set to "go live" by the end of December 2005, the plan is for 27 public health departments to be enrolled as well as 8 to 10 private providers. *Note: Our highest priority is to enroll providers who participate in the Vaccine for Children program.*

**Beginning in January 2006**, we will target all interested providers who will need to exchange data with KSWebIZ. These are public and private providers who are dependent and satisfied with their internal practice management systems and simply want to capture information from the registry. Designing two-way interfaces will also facilitate data export to the registry from these systems while eliminating any required dual data entry. The data exchange will take place "behind the scenes," thereby ensuring that end users will not have to access two separate systems to capture immunization information.

KSWebIZ is rolling out! For further information please contact KDHE: Debra Warren, Project Manager, at 785-296-8119 or [dwarren@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:dwarren@kdhe.state.ks.us) or Michael Parsons, Registry Trainer, at 785-296-3975 [mparsons@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:mparsons@kdhe.state.ks.us)

#### ATTENTION NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING COORDINATORS

## Sound Beginnings

Revised regulations are in place! Don't forget to submit your annual report to Sound Beginnings by January 31, 2006. This report must include:

- Name of your designated physician
- Name of your designated audiologist
- Back-up hearing screening plan
- Program protocol
- Policies
- Type of equipment
- Hearing screening personnel, including qualifications and training
- Cumulative data
- Copies of contracts/agreements

Sound Beginnings staff will be happy to assist you if you have questions/concerns about any of the regulations or this annual reporting requirement call 785-296-6135 for more information.

#### SCREENING TIPS:

- When rescreening an infant due to a positive result in only one ear remember to screen both ears. This will eliminate any missed confirmed unilateral hearing loss due to log errors when documenting the screen results.
- No more than one repeat screening test should be done outside the hospital before a comprehensive audiological test is completed.

#### KS-TRAIN TIP

**To Withdraw from a Live or Online course:** On the KS-TRAIN homepage, click "My Learning" in the blue file folder on the right hand side of the screen, click the "M" to the right of the course you plan to withdraw from, then click "Withdraw."



#### KS-Train TIP (November 2005)

##### **Change your password and update your KS-TRAIN profile:**

Click "My Account" in the "My Learning Record" blue file folder on the right hand side of the home page. Update information as indicated. Click the "Save" button.

To change your Login Name the KS-TRAIN Administrator will need to be contacted.

#### KS-TRAIN TIP (November 2005)

**Add IS 700, NIMS** to your learning record if you took the online course directly through the FEMA website:

1. KS-TRAIN homepage, "Announcements"-- Click the "read more link" after the IS 700 NIMS title

#### Announcements

~~IS 700 - NIMS~~

. Click "read more link" to find the on-line/web-based course for registration.

2. Click the "Registration" Tab

National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction IS-700

Course Details Contacts **Registration** Reviews

3. Choose credit type. Click Go to Step 2 of Registration

#### Course Details

National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction IS-700

Course Details Contacts Registration Reviews

Your chosen credit type: **CE/UCCE: 0.3**

If you want to change credit type, please click << here >>

This course has been added to "My Learning".

To proceed to the course provider's website please click here:

**Go to Step 2 of Registration**

4. Go to the Homepage, Click "My Learning" in the blue file folder on the homepage, Click "M" to the right of the course title, Follow the prompts to document the course is completed.

## OUTREACH NURSE OPENING IN JOHNSON COUNTY



Johnson County Public Health is seeking an Outreach Nurse on a full-time basis. The Outreach Nurse will provide skilled nursing assessment, education and resource information in the home setting to identified high risk individuals and acts as a consultant to public and private school nurses within a designated area of Johnson County. Also staffs both Family Health Services and Disease Containment Program clinics as assigned, which may include: blood pressure screenings, immunizations, Well Child, Women's and Men's Health and Prenatal.

Requires an associate's degree in nursing; bachelor's degree in nursing is preferred. Incumbent must have one year of experience in medical/surgical area, family birthing center, or areas dealing with family crisis/referral sources. Valid driver's

license required and the successful candidate must have a Kansas nursing license-registered nurse; CPR preferred. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. and must have the ability to pull/push supply cart/equipment. Travel required; 60-70 percent (within county). Education may be substituted for experience and experience may be substituted for education. Salary range: \$36,368 - \$44,449 annually. Apply on-line at <http://hr.jocogov.org>; fax (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources; 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600; Olathe, KS 66061. EOE

## SURVEILLANCE OF VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES



Do not miss this important satellite broadcast! Produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Thursday, December 8, 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., CST.

This course is designed to provide information on case investigation, outbreak control, and disease reporting for vaccine-preventable diseases. The course will stress the most epidemiologically important data to collect and will discuss methods of enhancing surveillance and completing case investigations. This broadcast will feature a live question-and-answer session in which participants nationwide can interact with the course instructors via toll-free telephone lines, fax, and e-mail.

Locations for Viewing  
Surveillance VPD 2005  
Thursday, December 8, 2005  
Bring your own lunch

| Location                                    | Address   |
|---|---|
| Dodge City Community College                | 250 North 14 <sup>th</sup> , Dodge City, Board Room |
| Kansas Department of Health and Environment | 1000 SW Jackson, IS Conference Room, Topeka         |
| KDHE Northeast District Office              | 800 West 24 <sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence          |
| KDHE Northwest District Office              | 2301 East 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, Hays             |
| Northwest Kansas Education Center           | 703 West 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Oakley                   |
| Mercy Hospital - Independence               | 800 West Myrtle, Independence                       |
| Reno County Health Department               | 209 West 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Hutchinson               |
| School Service Center                       | 3850 North Hydraulic, Wichita                       |



## CONFERENCES/TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

### Medical Interpreter Training



Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

#### Central Kansas - Emporia

Feb. 27- Mar. 3, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Newman Regional Health  
Continuing Education Classroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Enter from the Visitor's Entrance  
1201 West 12<sup>th</sup>  
Emporia, KS

#### SC Kansas - Wichita

Mar. 13-17, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita  
1010 N. Kansas  
Meadowlark Room 1305  
Wichita, KS

#### NE Kansas – Kansas City

Mar. 20-24, 2006 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
University of Kansas Medical Center  
(Room location to be announced)

#### NC Kansas - Manhattan

June 5 - 9, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Riley County Health Department  
2030 Tecumseh Road  
Manhattan, KS

For more information on Medical Interpreter Training or to register contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org).

### Cultural Competency Training Schedule 2005-06

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.

#### NE Kansas - Topeka

Feb. 8 – 9, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Kansas Department of Health & Environment  
Curtis State Office Building  
1000 SW Jackson, Conference Room 530, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Topeka, KS

#### SW Kansas – Garden City

Apr. 5 - 6, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Area SRS Building  
1710 Palace Drive  
Garden City, KS

#### Central Kansas - Emporia

Apr. 12 - 13, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Newman Regional Health  
Continuing Education, Classroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Enter from the Visitors Entrance  
1201 West 12<sup>th</sup>  
Emporia, KS

#### SC Kansas - Wichita

May 10 - 11, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita  
1010 N. Kansas, Sunflower Room 2202  
Wichita, KS

#### NE Kansas – Holton

May 24 - 25, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Head Start Building – Annie Laurie Johnson Child & Family Development Center  
130 S. Iowa  
Holton, KS  
(Parking at First Baptist Church  
404 Juniper Street)

#### NC Kansas - Salina

June 13 -14, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Catholic Charities  
425 W. Iron, Board Room  
Salina, KS



For more information or to register please contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org).

### Billing Workshops

**NE Billing Group**, next meeting is Feb. 2 at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Topeka, from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110. Upcoming dates for 2006:

May 11                  Aug 3                  Nov. 2

**Billing Biddies**, will meet Mar. 1 from 9 a.m. – noon, at the Lincoln County Emergency Services Building, on the corner of Hwy 14 and Lincoln Ave, Lincoln. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates in 2006:

June 7                  Sept. 6                  Dec. 6

**Billers Anonymous** will meet Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Norton County Health Department, 801 N. Norton Ave, Norton. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates in 2006:

May 10                  Aug. 9                  Nov. 8

**Mission Impossible Group** will meet Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates in 2006:

May 25                  Aug. 24                  Nov. 21

**KUG**, from 9 a.m. – noon, Satanta Bank, Satanta. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

**Billers-R-Us** will meet Jan. 10 at the district office in Chanute, in the Meadowlark Room, from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call Jon Anderson at 920-431-2390.

Apr. 11                  July 11                  Oct. 10

### Air Quality 101 Workshops



## Kansas SBEAP

### Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

These workshops will provide an overview of the Kansas Air Quality Program with a focus on regulatory updates and changes.

January 10, 2006, Salina, Carver Center (time to be announced)

January 19, 2006, Wichita, Sedgwick County Extension (time to be announced)

January 24, 2006, Overland Park, KU Edwards Campus (time to be announced)

To register call the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program at 1-800-578-8898 or watch for more details at <http://www.sbeap.org>.



## GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing at lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce: <http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>



**Kansas Division of Emergency Management:** <http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training>



**KAN Be Healthy RN** orientation and training:  
<http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training>

### Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts go to PHTN Web site at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp> Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at 785-625-5663 for assistance.

### December Satellite Downlinks

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>12/01/05</b><br>12:00 - 1:30 PM  | <b>Mass Antibiotic Dispensing:<br/>Using Public Information to Enhance POD Flow</b><br><br>View <a href="#">course overview</a> .   |
| <b>12/05/05</b><br>12:00 - 1:30 PM  | <b>Addressing Disaster and Emergency Stress Beyond First Responders: Implications for Individuals, Families and the Workplace</b><br><br>For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit <a href="http://www.adph.org/alphtn">http://www.adph.org/alphtn</a> . |
| <b>12/08/05</b><br>Live<br>9:00 – 10:00 AM<br>Rebroadcast<br>3:00 - 4:00 PM | University at Albany, Center for Public Health Preparedness - Grand Rounds Presents:<br><b>Surge Capacity for Disasters: The Role of the Community and Public Health Nurse</b><br><br>View, order, and register for at <a href="http://www.ualbanycphp.org">www.ualbanycphp.org</a> .   |
| <b>12/08/05</b><br>11:00 - 2:30 PM  | <b>Surveillance of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases</b><br><br><a href="#">View</a> course overview.  |
| <b>12/14/05</b><br>1:00 - 2:00 PM   | The National Terrorism Preparedness Institute Presents:<br><b>"Communications, News, Equipment &amp; Training" - A Monthly WMD Video Update</b><br><br>For more information contact Ed Kronholm TF: 877-820-0305 or email: <a href="mailto:dlnets@aol.com">dlnets@aol.com</a> or visit " <a href="#">ComNET</a> " 14 Dec".              |
| <b>12/15/05</b><br>8:00 - 9:00 AM   | University at Albany, School of Public Health Continuing Education Presents:<br><b>Public Health and the Uninsured</b><br><br>For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.t2b2.org">www.t2b2.org</a> or call 518-402-0330.   |

### Pandemic Flu Web Site

The official U.S. government Web site for information on pandemic flu and avian influenza:

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

### Public Health Emergency Training

The University of Minnesota "Public Health Emergency Training," is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness, including:

- Disease Surveillance and Investigation
- Contact Investigation
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Special Populations
- Disaster Mental Health
- Personal Protective Equipment (coming soon)
- Decontamination (coming soon)

See the link to this course under "announcements" on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

**Terrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies: A Reference Guide for the Media.** Presented by the US Department of Health and Human Services. Sept 2005 <http://www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF/>

### AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS



Look for AHEC's web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

**NW Kansas** – Register or call at 785-628-6128

**SW Kansas** – Register or call at 620-275-0259

**SE Kansas** – Register or call at 620-235-4040

### To Order Tapes/CDs:

**Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:** <http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

**CDC BT programs:** <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

**Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA**

<http://www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html>

**Risk Communication Courses:** <http://www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html> or in Spanish <http://www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html>

### Nursing Education

**Ft. Hays Nursing:** <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

**KU Nursing:** KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

[http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn\\_to\\_bsn.htm](http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm)

**Wichita State University:** on-line RN to BSN: [http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp\\_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/](http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/)

**Washburn PHN Certification Program-** <http://www.washburn.edu/sonu> or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: [zzdnwl@washburn.edu](mailto:zzdnwl@washburn.edu)

**ANA's Web site:** <http://www.RNCE.org>

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## Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network: <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars: <http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

**Training Finder:** Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings  
<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

The MMWR Continuing Education Program: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine – <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training – <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:  
[http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc\\_preparedness.htm](http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc_preparedness.htm)

Centers for Public Health Preparedness: <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers: <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

## Public Health Workforce Competencies

**Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:**  
<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf>

**Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice:** <http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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